



Agenda

Park & Rec Meeting

City Park – Railroad Shelter

Monday October 20th, 2025 - 5:15 PM

Park and Recreation

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Call to Order:

Roll Call: Cantrell, Bouska, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Meska, Stasi

Attending:

Absent:

Approval of Minutes:

- Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the September 15th, 2025, meeting:

Motion:

2nd:

Aye:

Nay:

Citizen Comments:

Tree Board:

- Trees for Kids planting
- Trees Forever planting
- Gravel bed trees
- IRA Tree planting grant

Parks / Cemetery Updates:

Trail Segment 2 Updates:

Fee Discussion:

Board Member Updates:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting:

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Minutes

Park & Rec Meeting

Redgate Park

Monday September 15th, 2025 - 5:15 PM

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Call to Order: 5:18 pm

Roll Call: Cantrell, Bouska, Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Meska, Stasi

Attending: Gearhart, Johnson, Jorgensen, Stasi

Absent: Cantrell, Bouska, Meska

Approval of Minutes:

- Consideration of a motion approving the minutes of the August 18th, 2025, meeting:

Motion: Jorgensen

2nd: Stasi

Aye: All

Nay: None

Citizen Comments: None

Waterline Proposal:

Johnson talked about staff seeing an increase in water leaks at the cemetery in the last couple of years. Johnson stated that the current lines are very brittle and talked with the administrator about cost saving projects that would help the city in the long run as this proposal could potentially save a lot on repair costs down the road. Johnson stated that the current line has 1,315 feet of 2" cast line that runs east to west that they repaired last year, the rest of the water lines is black plastic ¾" line totaling 8,953' or 1.7 miles of water line. There were no maps of the layout at the cemetery, but the map that Johnson provided is the staff's best estimation of what is currently out there. Johnson stated that there are currently 60 hose spigots throughout the cemetery that they maintain and 28 road crossings that water lines cross under. Johnson stated that this black plastic line is a very cheap option that a person can buy at the hardware store for \$50 for a 250' roll. Johnson stated that this line gets very brittle and they often have a hard time cutting the line to cut out a crack and make repairs to tighten down a new clamp. Johnson stated that they would like to simplify the water system by boring a new pex line from 13th avenue NW over to the office building and adding a water filling station and drinking fountain for the public to use. Johnson stated that they would run the line south and tee a line to the maintenance building and go south to the ditch along West Charles Street. Here the line would go west along the ditch to the shut off for Redgate Park. Johnson stated that it would be an opportune time to pull a new line under Charles Street and replace the 400' in Redgate Park while they are replacing lines. In total the new system would be 1,450' in length. Gearhart and Jorgensen stated that they agree that this plan makes total sense, Stasi agreed.

- Consideration of a motion approving new water lines at Woodlawn cemetery/Redgate:

Motion: Stasi

2nd: Jorgensen

Aye: All

Nay: None

Cemetery Gazebo Fundraiser:

Johnson stated that they have talked about this project before as a part of the trail project. Johnsons stated this project would be placed in the front triangle area that is unplotted and he would like to develop the area as they have made a lot of improvements to the facility over the years, and this would be a great project to involve the public. Johnson provided several different styles of gazebos for the board to choose from. Johnson stated that once the design is picked, he can get quotes from contractors and come up with a pricing schedule for the fundraiser. Johnson stated that he would like to offer memorial bricks and benches as an option for the public to purchase that would be placed along the sidewalk to the gazebo and possibly along the trail. Board members stated that they like layouts one and four with the pictures provided.

- Consideration of a motion approving the gazebo fundraiser project along the trail in Woodlawn:

Motion: Jorgensen 2nd: Stasi

Aye: All Nay: None

Tree Board:

- Trees Forever planting

Johnson stated that the tree board members have been busy the last several weeks talking with the public about possibly planting a tree in the city boulevard for the trees forever tree planting. Johnson reminded that board the tree board was awarded the full \$5,000 from Trees Forever this year as this project is funded by Alliant Energy. Johnson stated that they have enough funds to purchase 41 trees through Corner Market. Johnson stated that the board is excited for this year's planting as this community will be the spotlight community for the program this year. Johnson encouraged board members to attend as he will send out the starting location and time when we get closer, as of now they are planning on holding this event on Wednesday Oct. 15th.

- Trees for Kids planting

Johnsons stated that they were also recently awarded the Trees for Kids grant for a total of \$2,500 to purchase 15 trees to plant at City Park. Johnson stated that they will be holding this planting on Oct.1 weather pending at 1pm as Wednesdays are an early out for the kids. Johnson stated that a DNR representative and their Trees Forever representative are attending. Johnson stated that they will purchase these trees through Cannons Corner Greenhouse. Johnson encouraged board members to attend the tree planting as they will start at the main entrance of City Park.

Parks / Cemetery Updates:

Johnson stated that they have been busy with projects at the cemetery as they buried some 4" conduit under the future trail in case they would need to run anything under the trail a future time. Johnson stated that they have had several full burials and cremations this past month on top of their mowing responsibilities. Johnson stated that park employees have been busy mowing as well as continuing to get rain as it is starting to taper off some. Johnson stated that they have spent a lot of time winterizing the aquatic facility putting things away for the winter. Johnson stated they pulled the palm leaves this year when they pulled the shade structures down. Johnson stated they removed a river birch tree that should not have been planted in the first place as they are very messy trees that clog up the strainer baskets in the early season. Johnson stated this tree was also planted too close to the overhead lights and was interfering with the lighting. Johnson stated that they took the boiler apart and cleaned all the burners and cleaned the top end out to ensure the boiler is taken care of and operates efficiently. Johnson stated that they are lining up a contractor to complete the diamond work through the money raised by Johnson from a grant he wrote to the charitable foundation. This project will entail a revamp of the infields of all three diamonds at Wings Park this fall.

Trail Segment 2:

Johnson stated that construction of this project had begun that morning for trail segment two. Johnson praised the trail committee as they have worked very hard over the past 4 years to make this project a reality. Johnson stated that they are removing trees right away so the viaduct will be closed for a couple of days this week. Johnson stated there are numerous utility poles that no one wants to claim so they are working through that process to drop utilities. Johnson stated that once the trees are down the contractor, Baker Enterprises, will move out to the cemetery to complete that section of trail and get the bridge abutments in first thing. Johnson reminded that they received an \$83,000 private donation and a \$100,000 REAP grant from the DNR to help pay for this trail segment. Johnson provided the board with a list of projects and highlights that the department had completed that season and the remaining projects planned for this fall.

Board Member Updates: Stasi stated how much he appreciates how well Redgate Park is looking, that he has never seen it look so well.

Adjournment: 5:45 pm

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SEPTEMBER 2025 PARK MONTHLY REPORT

WOODLAWN WATERLINES:

Current water system

- 8,953' of black plastic ¾" line, or 1.7 miles
- 60 hose spigots
- 28 road crossings



DISTANCES OF CURRENT WATER SYSTEM





PROPOSED NEW WATER LINE

PARKS / CEMETERY / TRAILS / AQUATICS / CAMPGROUND





WATER FILLING STATION

PARKS / CEMETERY / TRAILS / AQUATICS / CAMPGROUND



RED GATE PARK - 389'



CEMETERY GAZEBO FUNDRAISER:



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TREE BOARD UPDATE:

TREES FOR KIDS GRANT -\$2,500

OCTOBER 1ST



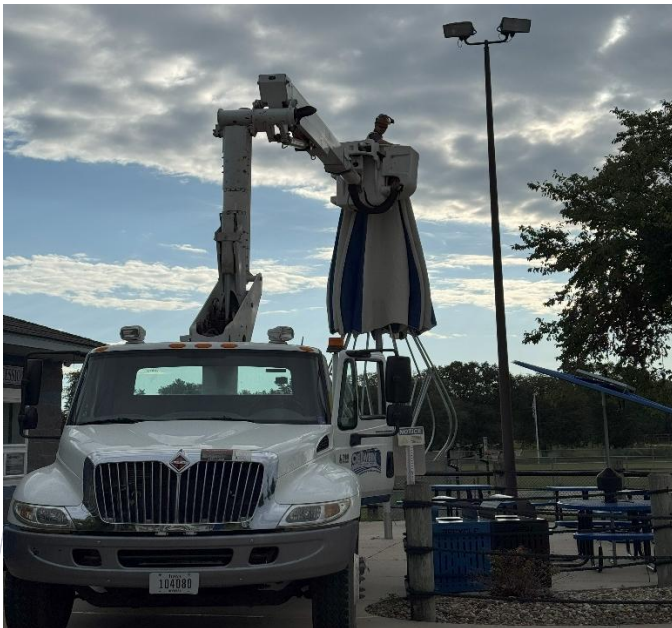
TREES FOREVER GRANT - \$5,000

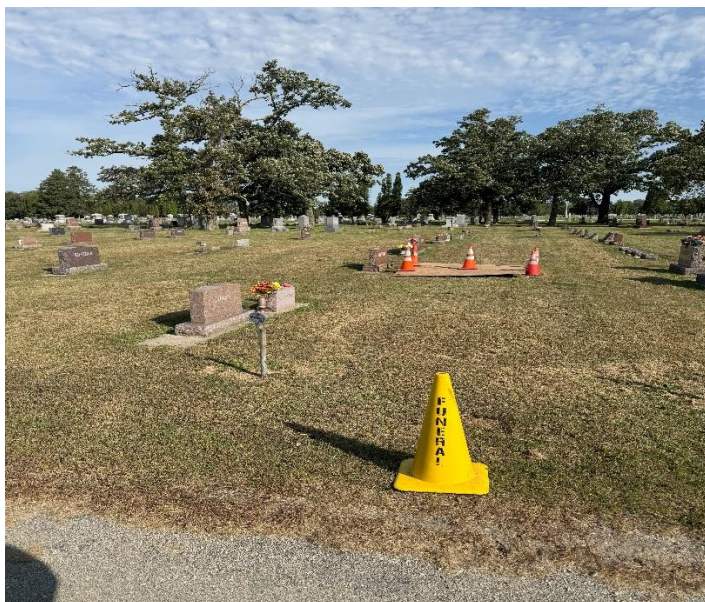
OCTOBER 15TH



PARK / CEMETERY UPDATE:







TRAILS UPDATE:



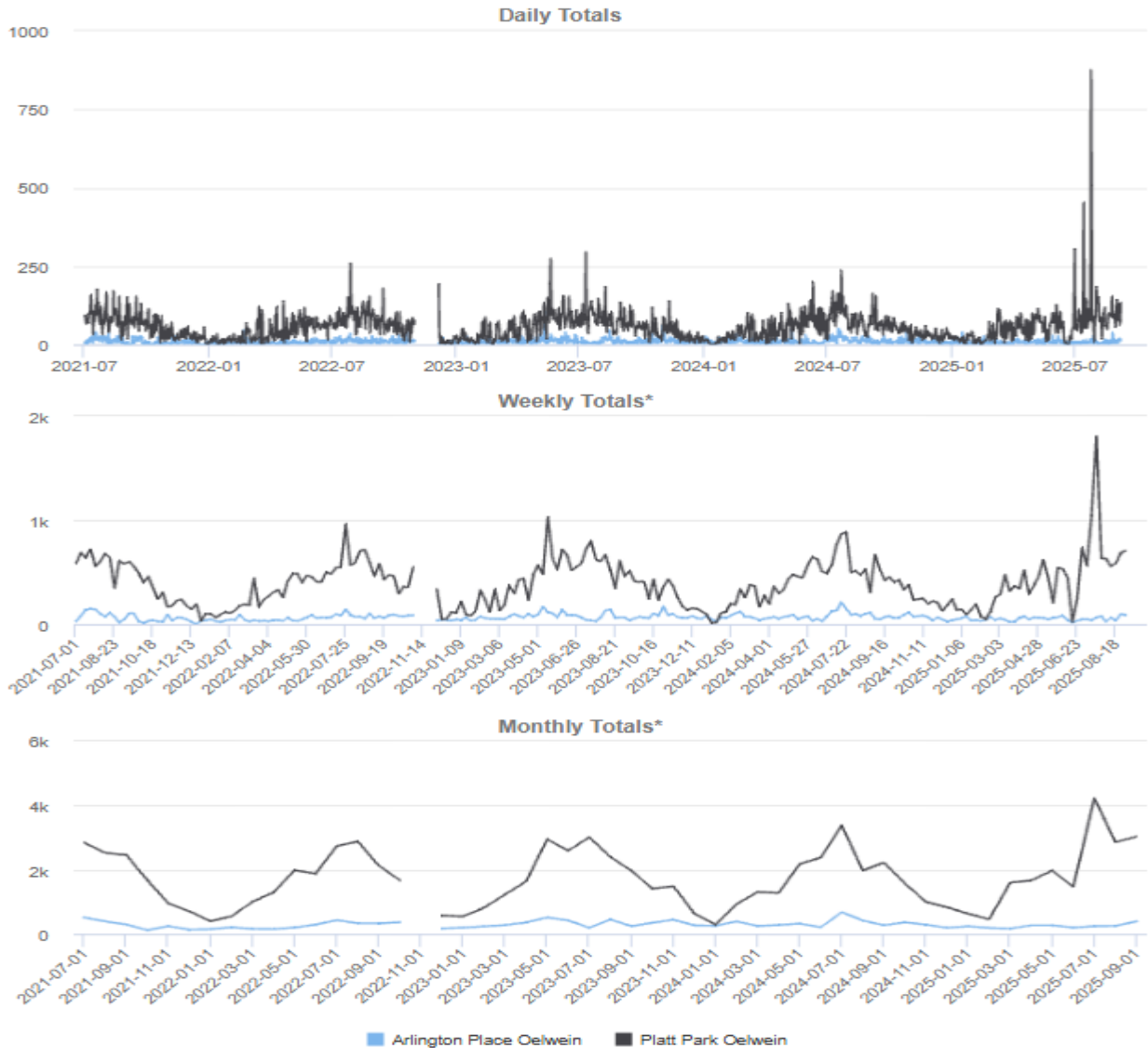
SEGMENT 2





Daily/Weekly/Monthly totals

2021-07-01 to 2025-09-30 (1553 days)



* Based on Average Daily Traffic (ADT)

Master Summary

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Year	Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	ADT†	ADT†x365	Days with data
2021	Arlington Place Oelwein							512*	388	294	115	242	134	9.115	3,327	183
	Platt Park Oelwein							2,845*	2,523	2,458	1,675	950	704	60.454	22,066	183
2022	Arlington Place Oelwein	146	207	158	148	199	290	426	332	327	362		173*	8.303	3,031	330
	Platt Park Oelwein	394	548	1,002	1,297	1,984	1,877	2,736	2,877	2,127	1,672		572*	51.497	18,796	330
2023	Arlington Place Oelwein	193	235	274	356	510	421	190	451	241	347	441	266	10.753	3,925	365
	Platt Park Oelwein	543	816	1,229	1,635	2,948	2,592	3,013	2,399	1,969	1,411	1,485	628	56.625	20,668	365
2024	Arlington Place Oelwein	254	389	247	279	319	208	673	414	269	360	287	191	10.628	3,890	366
	Platt Park Oelwein	287	930	1,305	1,276	2,181	2,378	3,373	1,972	2,223	1,571	998	828	52.792	19,322	366
2025	Arlington Place Oelwein	236	186	165	268	268	196	240	249	390*				7.596	2,773	250
	Platt Park Oelwein	631	453	1,595	1,663	1,978	1,465	4,229	2,859	3,030*				62.320	22,747	250

ADT† = Average Daily Traffic

* = based upon that month's ADT [Learn more](#) Indicates months with less than 6 days of data.



DAILY ACTIVITIES

- CLEAN/ORGANIZE SHOP AREAS
- PICK UP DOWNTOWN AREAS
- MAINTAINING PARK, CEMETERIES
- MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT
- SAFETY MEETINGS
- MEET WITH CONTRACTORS
- RETRIEVE & UPLOAD TRAIL COUNT DATA
- WOODLAWN BURIALS
- PARK MAINTENANCE
- GRANT WORK

PROGRESS ON PROJECTS

- WEBSITE UPDATING
- TRAIL EASEMENTS/GRANTS
- PARK AND REC MASTER PLAN
- TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- GRINDING STUMPS
- CIVICREC WORK
- TRAIL SEGMENT 2 BEGAN
- TREE TRIMMING
- EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE
- SEASONAL EMPLOYEE WORK
- NEW COMPLEX DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- UPPER EXPLORERLAND MEETINGS

NEXT MONTH AND FUTURE PROJECTS

- REPURPOSE OLD WINGS BRIDGE
- GRANT WRITING
- TRAIL SEGMENTS 4/5 ALIGNMENT
- BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- WINTERIZING
- TREE REMOVAL

2025 PROJECTS COMPLETED

- ALL ASPHALT TRAILS CRACK FILLED AND SEALED
- PARK AND CEMETERY ROADS SEAL COATED
- RAGBRAI OVERNIGHT STAY
- STARTING GAZEBO FUNDRAISER
- CIVICREC FULL IMPLEMENTATION
- CITY PARK SOUTH ENTRANCE CULVERT REPLACED
- STARTED CHESTNUT TREES
- SHOP WINDOWS REPLACED
- BCHC FREE DAY AT POOL, LATE NIGHT SWIM, VARIOUS OTHER EVENTS
- RAISED OVER \$16,000 THROUGH RAGBRAI EVENT AT POOL
- POOL TIKI HUT REFURBISHED
- UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING – SEVERAL PROJECTS
- YELLOW SAFETY DIAMOND TOPPER – DIAMOND 2
- CONCESSION WALL INSTALLATION / IMPROVEMENTS
- STORM DAMAGE CLEAN UP PLATT AND CITY PARK
- MAP CREATED BY NE IOWA RC&D FOR CAMPGROUND
- ELECTRICAL PEDESTALS REPLACED AT CAMPGROUND
- ARBOR DAY – PLANTING PRESENTATION/TREE GIVEAWAY-3RD GRADERS

PLANNED PROJECTS FOR FALL

- TRAIL SEGMENT 2 – STARTED 9-15-2025
 - \$100,000 REAP GRANT, \$82K PRIVATE DONATION, FOUNDATION
- DRINKING FOUNTAIN INSTALL
 - DELTA DENTAL \$6,814.99
- TREE PLANTINGS
 - TREES FOR KIDS \$2,500 – IOWA DNR
 - TREES FOREVER \$5,000 – FEATURED COMMUNITY
- BALL DIAMOND IMPROVEMENTS – FOUNDATION \$17,000



WOODLAWN BURIALS

- 15 CREMATIONS
- 22 FULL BURIALS
- 1 INFANT DISINTERMENT

SHELTER RESERVATIONS

- 50

JOSHUA JOHNSON MA
OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

